FIG. 1 Defective or "Bogus" Load Modules Can Cause Problems

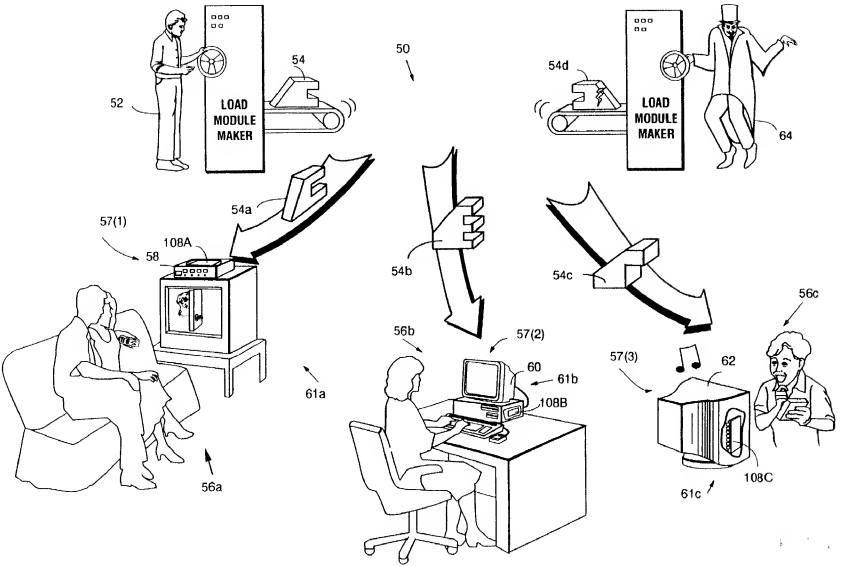


FIG. 2 Verifying Load Modules

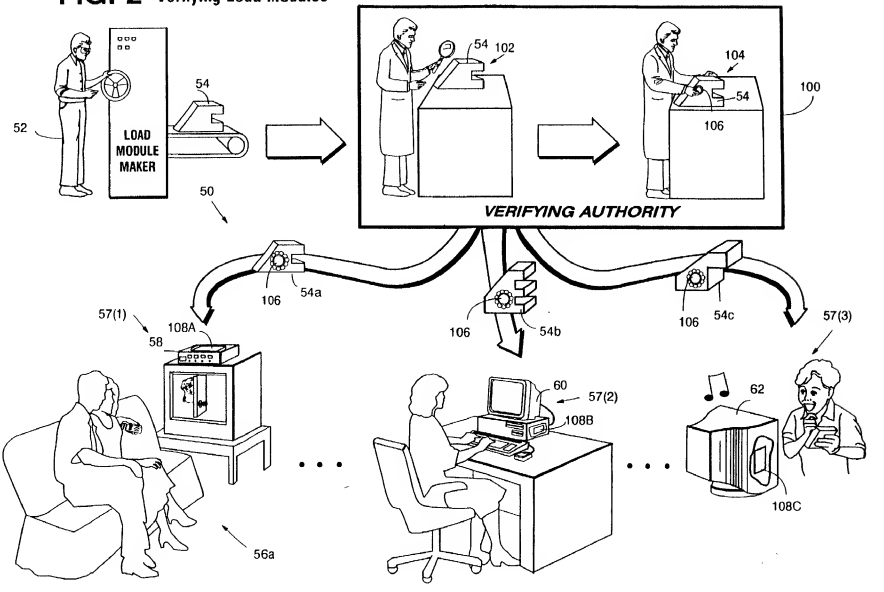
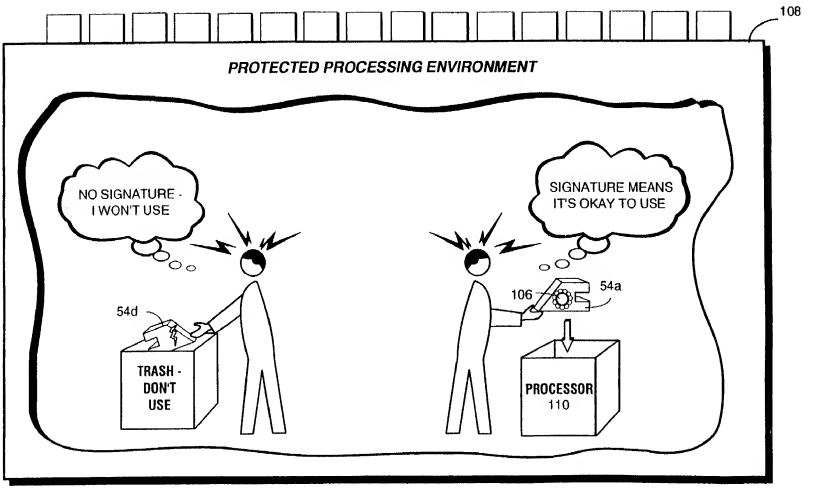


FIG. 3 Before Protected Processing Environment Uses A Load Module, It Checks To See If Load Module Has Been Verified



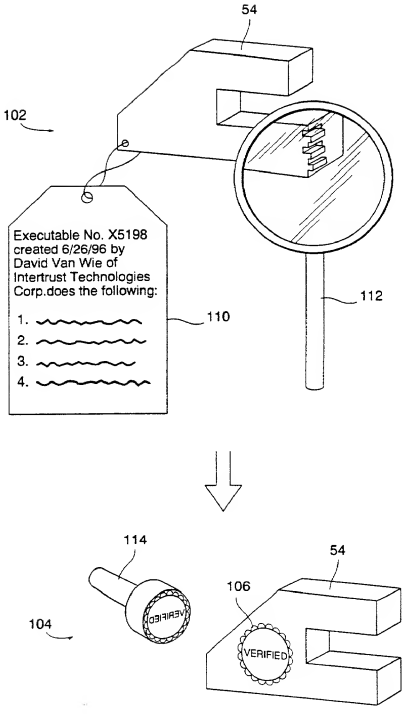


FIG. 4

Certifying Load Module by Checking it Against its Documentation

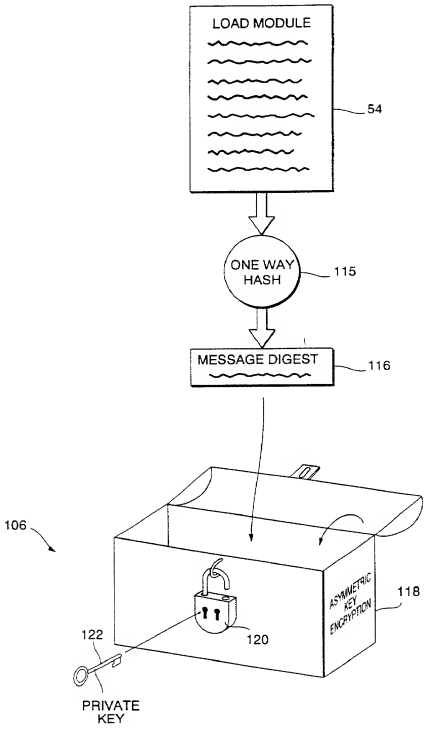


FIG. 5

Creating a Certifying Digital Signature

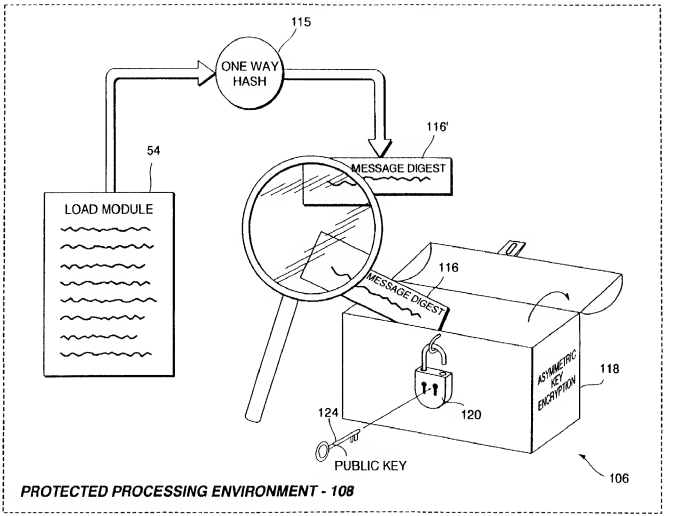


FIG. 6 Authenticating a Digital Signature

FIG. 7 Same Load Module Can Be Signed With Different Techniques

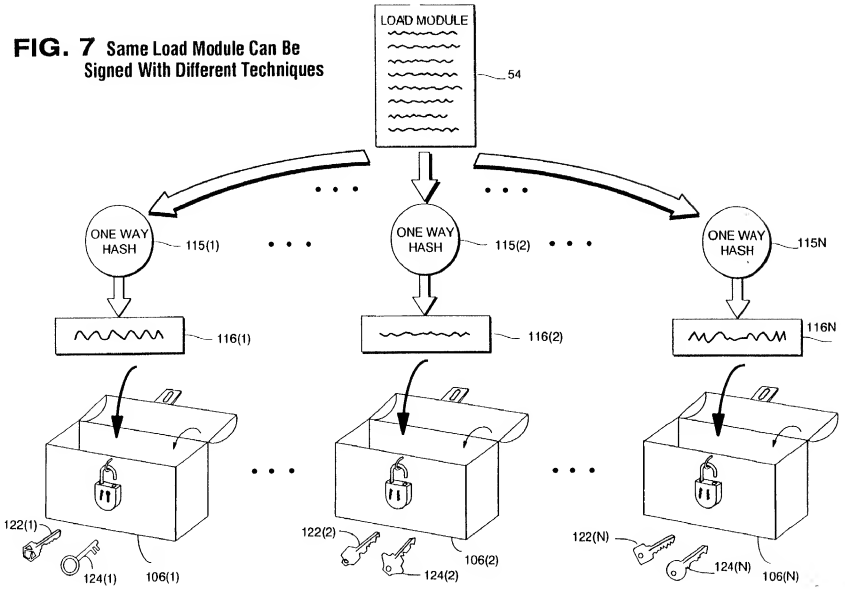


FIG. 8 Same Load Module Can Be Distributed with Multiple Signatures

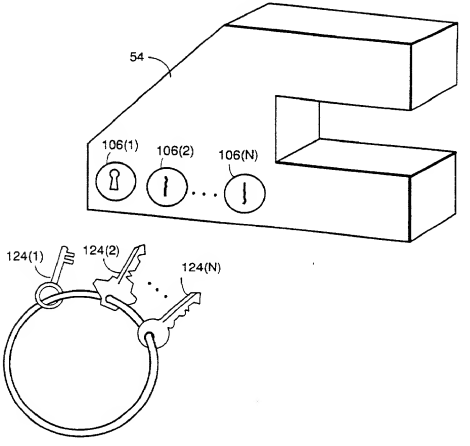


FIG. 8A Different Processing Environments Can Have Different Subsets of Keys

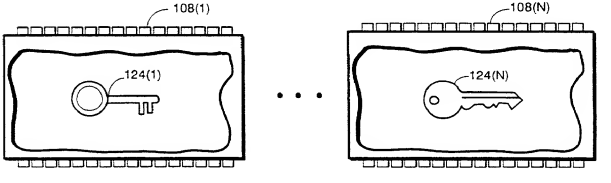
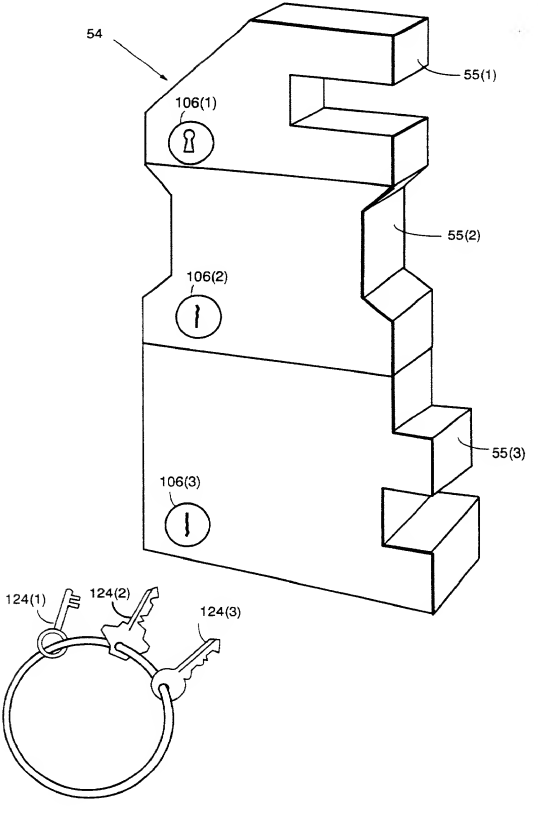


FIG. 9 Load Module Can Have Several Independently Signed Portions



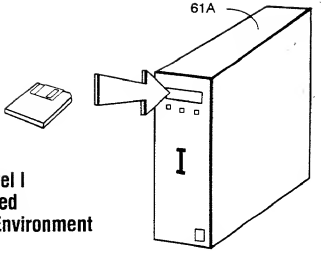


FIG. 10A Assurance Level I
Software-Based
Protected Processing Environment

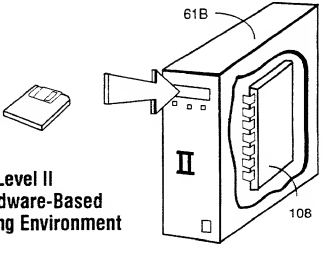


FIG. 10B Assurance Level II
Software and Hardware-Based
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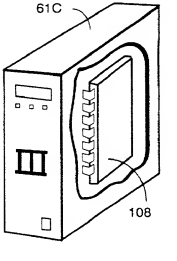

FIG. 10C Assurance Level III
Hardware-Based
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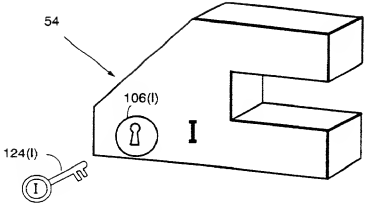
FIG. 11A Level I
Digital Signature



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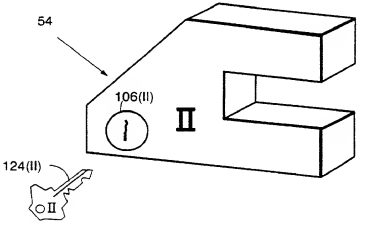

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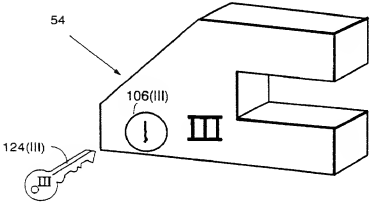


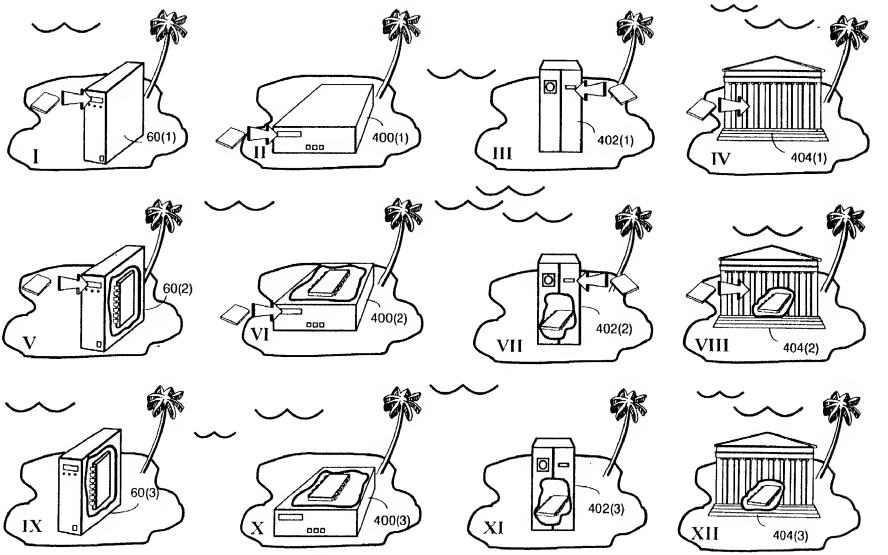


FIG. 12 Using Digital Signatures For Compartmentalizing Different Assurance Levels

FIG. 13 Multiple Assurance Levels

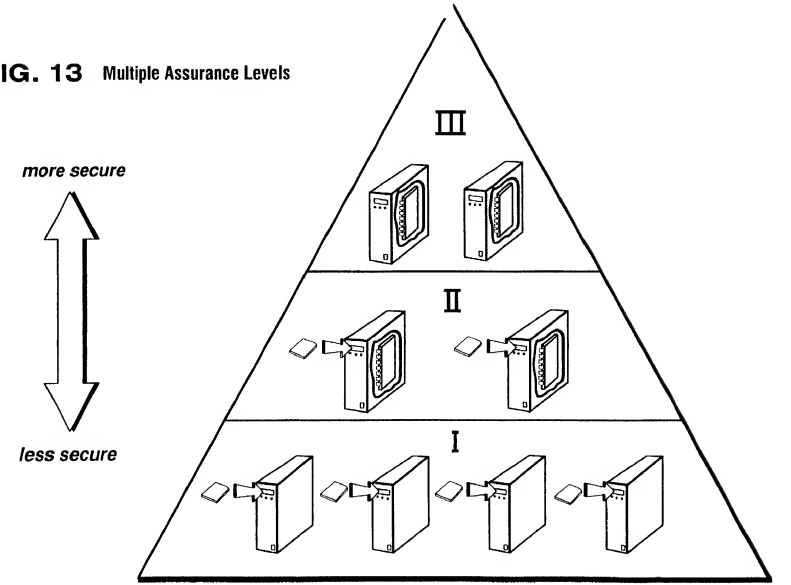
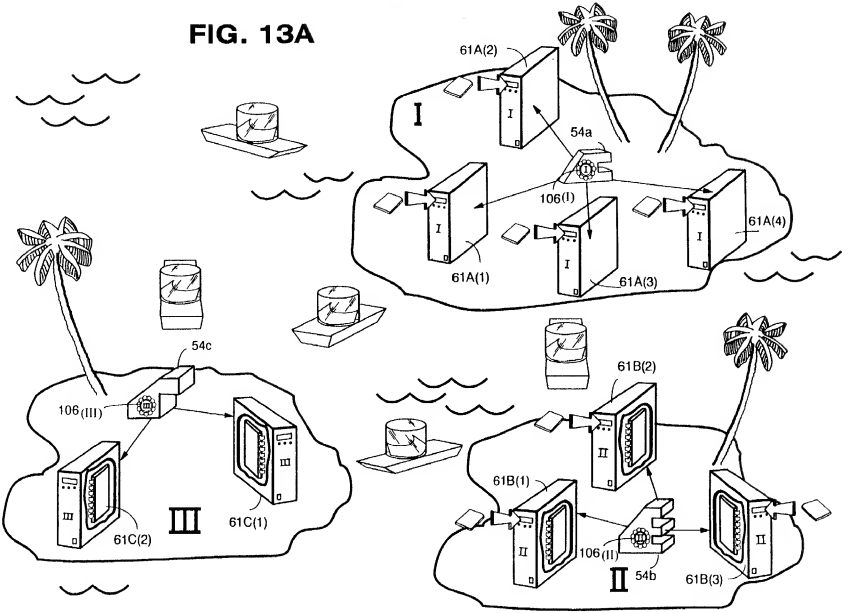


FIG. 13A



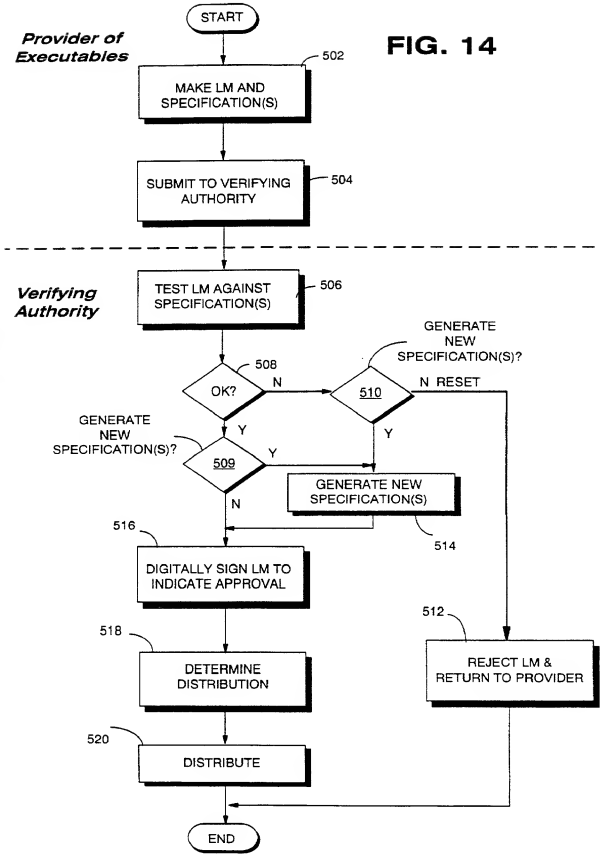


FIG. 14